

MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
AYSO REGION 18

A meeting of the Board of Directors of AYSO REGION 18 ("AYSO18"), was held at Hennessey's Tavern located at 313 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach, California 90266 and via video conference, on September 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. after verbal and written Notice duly given.

Krista Skinner chaired the meeting, and Jessica Waybright took the meeting minutes.

The Directors participation in the meeting is as indicated on the Participant List attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the August 5, 2025, meeting. Upon motion duly made by Ben Davidson and seconded by Linda Veliz the minutes of the August 5, 2025, meeting were approved.

Regional Commissioner's Report

- Krista reported that AYSO18 had a cleat exchange on September 5 with good steady turn out. Another cleat exchange day will be held on photo day on September 20.
- Photo Day is September 20 and October 11, with individual makeups available on October 18. Referee points can be offered to get volunteers to help.
  - o Photo day signups will be sent to coaches to sign up on first come first serve basis for a 15-minute slot.
  - o New this year, parents will have to actively order the photos but will still receive the basic photo package for free.
- Meet the Coach Day went well with coaches arriving early to get uniforms and information before meeting with their teams and having scrimmages. Some coaches did not read their emails and did not show up early enough. The Board discussed having a checklist to pass out to coaches to help them get organized. The uniforms were randomly assigned to coaches to avoid issues.
- 5UB had a happy hour meeting at Tower 12 and 15 coaches showed up. It was a good venue for coaches and referees to get together in the future.
- Live Scans were still missing for 160 coaches, but 90% of them have now been uploaded and only 20-30 are missing.
- John Friberg is leading the Division Referee Coordinators (DRC) and will hold a zoom to answer questions and review how to update statistics.

DC Updates

- The Board reviewed the beginning of the season things that went well and things that did not go well.
  - o Score, the vendor for boys' uniforms was significantly delayed this year and AYSO18 will be searching for a new vendor for next year.
  - o 12UG reported having pretty good behavior. 10UB had good referee coverage.
  - o Game cards were not filled out properly.
  - o Fields were not taken down in time for older divisions.

- 7UB did not have enough referees.
  - Krista explained that 7/8U were easy games to referee and teams can referee their own games so it should be a lower barrier to entry for new referees.
- In 7U parents did not understand that there is now a draft and kids would not be put on their friends' teams.
  - 5/6U are the only divisions where teams are formed, as best as possible, based on friend requests. In older divisions coaches may consider friend requests when drafting players.
- Any field issues should be reported to Russ Allen such as the build out line being hard to see and a broken sprinkler at Marine Sports Complex.
- Goals need to be locked up at Robinson after every practice and the last game.
- Game cards should be printed in advance. Coaches could ask a parent with good handwriting to fill it out for them.
- The Board discussed that there is no live update available to DCs to check coach certification status. DCs need to rely on the reports Steve Hershkowitz compiles.
  - Coaches should be encouraged to get certified early. If they can't get certified they should not be coaching.
  - This will be the hardest year for Live Scan since there are so many new ones that need to get done. If there are any issues the problem can be reported to Steve Hershkowitz.
- An email will be sent out to remind referees that game cards should be put in the game card box at each field.

### Uniforms

- Coaches should line up kids by size and pass out numbers based on sizes. Different sizes will be very difficult to obtain.

### Referee Abuse Policy

- The Board viewed a video of Scott Jarus, the RAP Program Director for Area, explaining RAP. The video will be shared with parents. A different video will be shared with referees.
- Chris Wong explained that RAP is in operation, the system is working, and he gave examples of recent incidents.
- DCs should inform coaches that RAP is in place, and it is working. Most activity results in coaches being counseled on proper behavior.
  - Coaches are obliged to control the entire sideline including spectators known and unknown, and players.
- Referees should report any unusual behavior.
- RAP reports include what could have been done differently to result in a better outcome.

### Referee

- Less referees have signed up this year than in years past.
- A recent youth focused event had 27 attendees.
- Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the final Regional Referee class.
- October 5 is an intermediate referee class that already has heavy enrollment.
- Kim Digilio is working to get 14U players certified to work as ARs in 10U.

- The youth referees should still take the Regional Referee class rather than the 8U class.
  - The Board discussed having youth referees in 7U games versus encouraging more parents to volunteer at that age division.
- Woody Hauck reported that he has been delivering uniforms to youth referees after completion of their course has been confirmed. Referee uniforms could also be placed in sheds at Begg and Meadows to be picked up.
  - USSF is implementing a green badge for youth referees. AYSO18 will order the badges and distribute them to the youth referees. They should serve as a clear message to parents to not dissent.
  - There are more youth referees this year than in years past.
  - Youth referees must sign up under their parents' account.
- Referee coverage has been good. The backpack giveaway was a nice incentive to get referees out and in the system. To be eligible a referee needed to be fully certified, accepted in RSS and signed up for at least one game.

#### Coach

- Steve Hershkowitz reported that most of the Live Scan issues have been resolved.
- Once Safe Sport is completed nothing needs to be uploaded, it just takes about 24 hours for the system to update.
- On October 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a 10U and 12U class if needed.
- If coaches are not certified they need to be de-rostered.
- Coach shirts and hats are available. DCs should encourage coaches to wear them as they are a way for people to identify who is in charge of a sideline for RAP.

#### Coach Trainers

- Mark Hodson reported that all registered coaches will be sent a sign-up link for a Coaching Manual.
- Evo trainers are focused on 10U this week.
- Goalkeeper sessions will take place on Friday nights.

#### Fields

- Russ Allen reported that the fields have been lined.
- One robot is in for repairs.
- Michael Veliz has volunteered to learn about the robot and will be at Marine Sports Complex at noon on Thursday if anyone wants to learn.

#### Youth Volunteer Program

- Woody and Skyler Hauck are working on the Youth Volunteer Program and incentive program. 5 units of volunteer time can be exchanged for 1 raffle ticket that will go into an end of year raffle.
- Mira Costa players have been assigned to teams to mentor.
- Only fully certified volunteers are eligible for the incentive program.
- Mira Costa girls came out to Meet the Coach Day to help pump up balls and assist coaches..
- A soccer camp at Mira Costa will be held on September 23.

Meeting concluded at 8:44 pm

**NEXT MEETING: October 7, 2025 at 7:00pm**



Board Member	Participated in Person	Participated via Zoom	Did Not Participate
Albert Chen	X		
Alex Fargo	X		
Andrew Werhane	X		
Andy Abdelmalek			X
Anthony Lombardo			X
Baldeep Sadhal	X		
Ben Davidson	X		
Bill Candelaria	X		
Byron Eguchi			X
Chris Talbott			X
Chris Wong	X		
Connie Bern	X		
Dan Angress			X
Dave Brantly			X
Grace Bonet			X
Jackie Eanes			X
Jason Lefton			X
Jeff Stephens	X		
Jessica Waybright	X		
John Friberg	X		
Karl Primm	X		
Katie Patton			X
Kelly Silverman	X		
Kim Digillio		X	
Krista Skinner	X		
Linda Veliz	X		
Mark Hodson	X		
Maryanne Carson		X	
Matt Rosenfeld			X
Michael Hinz	X		
Mike Duarte		X	
Nathan Bavolek			X
Nedra Yost			X
Omkar Kulkarni			X
Russ Allen	X		
Sage Asteak	X		
Sarah Lefton	X		
Scott Coopman	X		
Scott Lentz		X	
Skylar Hauck			X

Steve Hershowitz		X	
Steve Killman			X
Vince O'Hara			X
Woody Hauck	X		
Zack Beckman	X		